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DEMAND FOR ECONOMY

Various candidates for governor are declaring for economy in the state administration. One wants the budget system, another some other system, but all agree that the tax rate has remained practically constant while year by year the state tax commission has gone on shaving up the valuation and that something radical must be done. Our state expenditures have advanced from four millions under Governor Bliss to nine millions under Governor Ferris. Yet no one would pretend that there has been a corresponding increase either in wealth or population.

The fact is, Michigan is "communist" in the sense that the people themselves are primarily responsible. There must be a demand for some value in the services rendered by the state government. The people must be made to feel that the state is not a mere "tax collector" but a body that is to be used for the benefit of the people. Their arbitrary methods are contrary to the conception of a free government which "expects" with no knowledge of local conditions can invade a county and dictate to supervisors, usually better informed and able to judge accurately and justly than these so-called "experts," arbitrarily raising values far above what local conditions will warrant. It is high time there be a vigorous shaking up in this commission and such a revision of the law as will check away some of the power from these dictators.

It is a noticeable fact that instead of taxes being cut down according to the promise of those who advocated this beautiful scheme of state espionage, the actual sum paid has in a majority of cases materially increased. Legislation has with each other in finding ways to use increased appropriations and Governor Ferris has heavily approved their acts. Both parties are responsible. So we begin off as we began. Whether it is DeWitt or Dickinson or Cooper or Ireland or Gardner or any one else's amendment, let us hope and pray that if the next legislature attempts to slip over another inflated appropriation bill, the governor-elect may have the guts to veto it out of that bill every item of extravagance.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS

Anna Michigan, May 15th, 1916.
Advertised list for week ending May 15th, 1916.
Mr. Anderson.
Mr. Pearl Bennington.
Charles Brunning.
Mr. Arthur Cusick.
Also Dunmore.
Foster Dunn.
Win Ellsworth.
Mr. E. B. Gorman.
Miss Beatrice Magee.
Mrs. Grace Sanford.
Mrs. Cecile Stennington.
Mr. C. C. Vanders.
The papers if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office May 20th, 1916.
V. P. Cook,
Postmaster.

DAVIS DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker spent Sunday at the home of Sister Hatched. Miss Mary Deppert will close her school at the Davis district on Friday of this week.

Miss Mildred Smith and Mildred Fletcher of Alma spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Olin Fletcher. Mrs. Fred Magee is making a several days visit with her parents at Newaygo.

Miss Ruth Cross has closed her school near Ashley and is home for her vacation.

Louis Mervin and wife has bought the Grant Ellis property and have taken possession. H. Mervin will occupy the store building. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis left the first of the week for their future home in Ohio.

Archie McPaul and wife entertained for Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Butler, S. P. Beck and wife, Dave McPaul and family of Sumner, James McPaul and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hibner of Newark and Chas. Curtis and mother.

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County Correspondence

VESTABURG.

R. F. Elliott is building a new house on his lot south of Willard Mallory. Mrs. Lucy Botsford and son returned to their home in Lansing Friday, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis.

Mrs. Mary Cox and little daughter Helen of Saginaw came on Monday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Connor, and returned home Saturday morning, accompanied by her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. Malbury, who expects to spend some time with her son and family.

Mrs. Myrtle Kelley of Saginaw, Kan., visited her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Briggs from Tuesday until Friday.

Mrs. M. J. Briggs and niece, Mrs. Kelley spent Thursday in Edmore with the former's daughter, Mrs. Vera Gask.

Mrs. Edna Mauley is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Vera Sweeney have returned to their home in Grand Rapids, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Green.

All are invited to attend the farces and comedies Monday evening, May 15th, beginning at 8:00 in the evening with a basket dinner at 7:00 and continuing in the afternoon.

Joe Bettrop of Keweenaw called on Wm. Cross Friday.

Mrs. Maria Stine entertained her

and Mrs. George Wood attended the

Ed Swarthout's in Ferris, Wednesday.

Twenty-five pupils from the

Ed Skidmore spent the week end

at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Nevils spent

Monday in Alma.

Mrs. Eva Connor is recovering

from her illness.

Earl Walker has centralized the

business of his ice-cream parlor.

John Jolley has moved in the

R. B. Reader house south of the

Orval Haugens residence.

Ernest Gault had dinner in the

Hotel, Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Walker spent Wed-

nesday in Ferris at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swarthout and

attended their late evening.

The Vestaburg high school students

spent a very enjoyable time Friday

evening at the home of their class-

mate, Miss Lye McDole.

Mrs. John Tati, who has been very

sick at her home near Alma, is

reported as a little better.

Mrs. Fred Correll was called to

Lansing City on account of the illness

of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harney Fisher were

home from Sumner over the week

end.

Miss Vera Jones came from

Lawrence, Thursday to visit Miss

Harriet and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Medick were

Alma business callers this week.

Roy McGilgus attended the Sil-

ver family show which was at Ed-

more, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Joe Greenleaf spent Wednes-

day in Alma, with her son and

family.

Miss Mable Miller spent Wednesday

in Alma.

Emory Howard left by auto for

Lawrence, Sunday, where his wife

and children have been for some

time on account of the illness of

Mrs. Howard's mother.

John McGilgus attended home Fri-

day evening.

John Hillier was in Grand Rapids

Sunday.

George Reed and family were in

Reynolds, Sunday.

SUMNER.

Will Kneer of Ithaca visited at the

home of Theron Butler the last of

the week.

Willard Rolans of Ferris, spent

Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Horatio

Stout.

Mrs. E. H. Tucker and son Frank

were Ithaca shoppers Tuesday.

L. P. Tucker made a business trip

to Saginaw Monday.

Elliott L. O. G. F. entertained the

members from here Tuesday evening,

they report a very enjoyable time,

with the exceptions of coming home

in the rain.

Mrs. Beatrice Cleverdon and son

Adila were among the Alma shoppers

Friday.

Mrs. Will Manning is enjoying a

visit from her mother, Mrs. Belcher

of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stearns spent the

week end their son Alfred and family

of Stanton.

John Robson went to Flint Friday

and will drive home a new "Baby

Grand Chevrolet" car.

The Eight Grade Examination was

held at the high school room Thurs-

day and Friday, quite a number were

in attendance from New Haven, Sum-

ner Center and Elm Hall.

F. J. Tucker made a business trip to

Saginaw Friday.

Ashley Tomlin drives a new Ford

car.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tucker of Ithaca

were callers at the F. E. Tucker home

Sunday.

Mrs. Klause is quite low at this

writing.

Sammy Hicks of Elm Hall and Mr.

and Mrs. Philip Hicks attended S. D.

A. meeting at Carson City Saturday.

Miss Fern Nelson of Alma was a

week end guest of her sister, Mrs. W.

G. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nelson and

children were Sunday guests of her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lang of Alma

spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Bailey and Elder Mudge were

Alma shoppers Saturday.

Will Lang now drives a new Ford

car.

Mrs. Jacob Seifred of New Haven

visited Mrs. William Phillips Friday.



"On the Old County Pike"

A Play of Village Life in Vermont

By BRUCE CHESTERMAN, Author of "The Man From Virginia," "Down in Kentucky," Etc. Produced and Staged by the Author.

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Opera House, Friday, May 19, 1916



Cast of Characters

PAUL MARTIN, the Doctor.....A. G. Leitch
DAVE, the Other Man.....Paul Harrod
HIRAM HIGGINS, Postmaster.....Joe McKenzie
JED SWEETZ, Opera House Manager.....Lyle McKenzie
CY BUTTS, Town Constable.....John Tuger
AUGUST, the Hired Man.....Wm. Griffin
TONY, with the Red Wagon.....Ross Sullivan
BILL, the "Silver Tongue".....Herbert Wheaton
LARRY, the Little Lame Lad.....Donald Dunham
MISS MARY, the Doctor's Sister.....Mrs. Joe McKenzie
SUE, the Postmaster's Daughter.....Miss Ruth Bennett
TILLIE, a Swedish Hired Girl.....Miss Nelda Dove
JESSIE, a Little Child.....Viola Baker
JEAN, the Girl.....Mrs. A. G. Leitch

SYNOPSIS

ACT I.
Scene 1.—Hiram Higgins' store. "On the Old County Pike," daybreak, September. The circus lot almost encroaches upon Hiram's pump. Scene 2.—The same, that night, just before and during the circus performance. The scene shows the lot just outside the dressing tent, or paddock, where performers wait for their act.

ACT II.
Living room in the home of Dr. Martin. Early evening, several weeks later.

ACT III.
Scene 1.—The same, the following February. Evening after supper. Scene 2.—The same, two hours later. The curtain is down only half a minute between these

scenes, during which time the house will be in partial darkness.

ACT IV.
A moonlight night "On the Old County Pike," September a year and a half later. They see the lights of the village from their own caravans under the stars, children of the tinsel world, men and women with hearts that never grow old—wanderers always.

NOTE.—The audience is requested to remain seated during the last act until the curtain falls, and not mar the final scene by the usual little commotion incident to preparations for leaving the theatre.

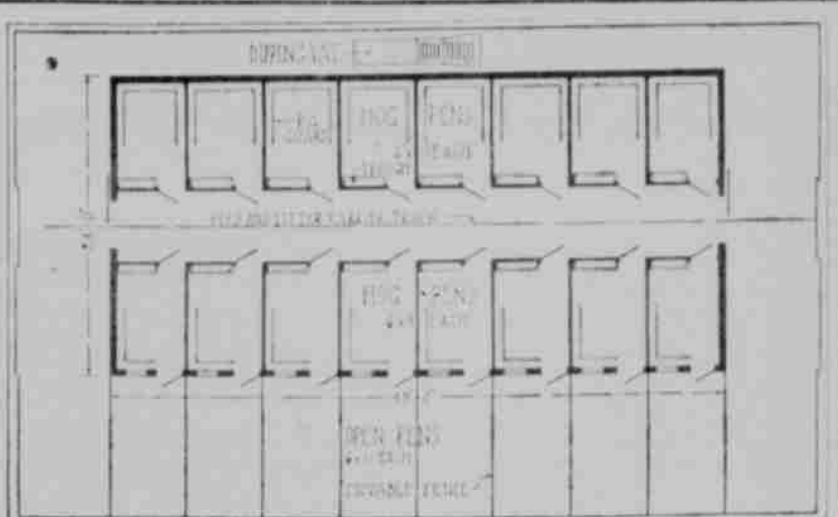
There is a very short intermission between the two scenes of the 1st act, and only half a minute between the two scenes of the 3rd act.

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